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SUBJ: DANISH PORK INDUSTRY PREPARED TO AID CANNED HAM EXPORTS TO
US

1. THE DANISH PORK INDUSTRY HAS DECIDED TO COLLECT A FEE OF 3 ORE
(ABOUT ONE-HALF US CENT) PER KILO OF PIGMEAT PRODUCED FOR A FUND
TO AID IN EXPORT MARKET PROMOTION, INCLUDING PRICE REDUCING
ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCTS ENCOUNTERING EXPORT MARKETING DIFFICULTIES.
THE FUND IS BEING ESTABLISHED PRIMARILY TO AID THE EXPORT OF
CANNED HAMS AND SHOULDERS TO THE UNITED STATES MARKET, WHICH HAS
ENCOUNTERED VARYING DEGREES OF DIFFICULTIES SINCE EC EXPORT
SUBSIDIES WERE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IN 1975 UNDER THE EC/US
COUNTERVAILING DUTY WAIVER AGREEMENT. THE PORK CANNING INDUSTRY
HAS HAD INCREASINGLY DISAPPOINTING RETURNS SINCE LATE 1977 BECAUSE
OF DOLLAR DEVALUATION AND STRONGER COPETITION ON THE US MARKET
FROM EASTERN EUROPE COMBINED WITH HIGHER DOMESTIC RAW MATERIAL
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2. ESS-FOOD, THE INDUSTRY'S EXPORT BOARD, WILL START COLLECTING
THE 3 ORE FEE WHEN THE INDUSTRY NEXT ADJUSTS ITS NATIONAL PIGMEAT
PRICE QUOTATION, PROBABLY IN OCTOBER. ALTHOUGH ACTUAL USE OF THE
FUND, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO AMOUNT TO ABOUT DKR 20 MILLION (US \$3.5
MILLION) ANNUALLY, WILL DEPEND ON THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OF

DANISH CANNED HAMS AT THE TIME, IT IS EXPECTED THAT IT WILL
MOSTLY BE USED TO DISCOUNT THE PRICE OF PIGMEAT GOING INTO THE
CANNING INDUSTRY FOR SUBSEQUENT EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES AS
CANNED HAMS. AN APPEAL TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE BY SOME
FRESH MEAT EXPORTERS AND WHOLESALERS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO INTER-
VENE AND STOP THE COLLECTION OF THE FEE, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS
LEVY SYSTEM WILL DISTORT INTERNAL COMPETITION AND IS ILLEGAL
UNDER EC REGULATIONS, HAS BEEN REJECTED.
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